

In the Claims

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1. (Currently amended) An isolated Lipid Metabolism Protein (LMP) nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that functions as a modulator of a seed storage compound in a plant, wherein the polynucleotide sequence is selected from the group consisting of:

a) a polynucleotide sequence as defined in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81; ~~and~~

b) a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as defined in: SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:82;

c) a polynucleotide sequence having at least 70% sequence identity with the LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above;

d) a polynucleotide sequence that is complementary to the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above; and

e) a polynucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of a) or b) above.

2. (Original) The isolated LMP nucleic acid Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:82.

3. (Original) The isolated LMP nucleic acid of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid comprising a of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide ~~having sequence has~~ at least 90% sequence identity with the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) of Claim 1.

7. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid comprising a of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence is complementary to the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) of Claim 1.

8. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The isolated nucleic acid ~~that~~of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of a) or b) of Claim 1.
9. (Currently amended) ~~An expression vector comprising an LMP~~The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1, wherein the nucleic is located in an expression vector.
10. (Currently amended) The expression vector of Claim ~~4,9~~9, wherein the LMP nucleic acid is operatively linked to a heterologous promoter selected from the group consisting of a seed-specific promoter, a root-specific promoter, and a non-tissue-specific promoter.
11. (Currently amended) A method of producing a transgenic plant having a modified level of a seed storage compound comprising, transforming a plant cell with an expression vector comprising a lipid metabolism protein (LMP) nucleic acid and generating from the plant cell the transgenic plant, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that functions as a modulator of a seed storage compound in the plant, and wherein the nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- a) a polynucleotide sequence as defined in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81; ~~and~~
 - b) polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as defined in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID

NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:~~82-82~~;

c) a polynucleotide sequence having at least 70% sequence identity with the LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above;

d) a polynucleotide sequence that is complementary to the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above; and

e) a polynucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of a) or b) above.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:82.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the level of a seed storage compound is increased in the transgenic plant as compared to the wild type plant.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the LMP nucleic acid encodes the polypeptide as defined in SEQ ID NO:28.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid is operatively linked to a heterologous promoter selected from the group consisting of a seed-specific promoter, a root-specific promoter, and a non-tissue-specific promoter.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~19~~11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide having at least 90% sequence identity with the LMP nucleic acid of ~~Claim 1 a) or b) of Claim 11~~.

21. (Currently amended) ~~A method of producing a transgenic plant having a modified level of a seed storage compound comprising, transforming a plant cell with an expression vector comprising a LMP nucleic acid and generating from the plant cell the transgenic plant, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that functions as a modulator of a seed storage compound in the plant, and~~ The method of Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a first nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of Claim 1 a) or b) of Claim 11.

22. (Currently amended) ~~A method of producing a transgenic plant having a modified level of a seed storage compound comprising, transforming a plant cell with an expression vector comprising a LMP nucleic acid and generating from the plant cell the transgenic plant, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that functions as a modulator of a seed storage compound in the plant, and~~ The method of Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide complementary to the LMP nucleic acid of Claim 1 a) or b) of Claim 11.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) A method of modulating the level of a seed storage compound in a plant comprising, modifying the expression of ~~an~~ a Lipid Metabolism Protein (LMP) nucleic acid

in the plant, wherein the LMP nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide sequence ~~is selected from the group consisting of: the LMP nucleic acids of Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.~~

a) a polynucleotide sequence as defined in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81;

b) polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as defined in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:82;

c) a polynucleotide sequence having at least 70% sequence identity with the LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above;

d) a polynucleotide sequence that is complementary to the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above; and

e) a polynucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of a) or b) above.

25. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22,~~Claim 11, wherein the LMP nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains a DNA-binding domain.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein the LMP nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:74, and SEQ ID NO:80.

27. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22~~, Claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains a protein kinase domain.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, and SEQ ID NO:62.

29. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22~~, Claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains a signal transduction domain.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:68, and SEQ ID NO:72.

31. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22~~, Claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains a protease domain.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:52, and SEQ ID NO:66.

33. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22~~, Claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains a lipid metabolism domain.

34. (Original) The method of Claim 33, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, and SEQ ID NO:30.

35. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22~~, Claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that contains an oxidoreductase domain.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 35, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, and SEQ ID NO:82.

37. (Currently amended) A transgenic plant made by ~~the a method of any one of the methods of claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22, comprising, transforming a plant cell with an expression vector comprising a lipid metabolism protein (LMP) nucleic acid, and generating from the plant cell the transgenic plant,~~ wherein expression of the LMP nucleic acid in the plant results in a modified level of a seed storage compound in the plant as compared to a wild type variety of the plant, and wherein the nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a polynucleotide sequence as defined in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:79, and SEQ ID NO:81;
- b) a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as defined in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:80, and SEQ ID NO:82;
- c) a polynucleotide sequence having at least 70% sequence identity with the LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above;
- d) a polynucleotide sequence that is complementary to the full-length LMP nucleic acid of a) or b) above; and
- e) a polynucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid of a) or b) above.

38. (Original) The transgenic plant of Claim 37, wherein the plant is a dicotyledonous plant.

39. (Original) The transgenic plant of Claim 37, wherein the plant is a monocotyledonous plant.

40. (Original) The transgenic plant of Claim 37, wherein the plant is an oil producing species.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Original) The transgenic plant of Claim 37, wherein the level of the seed storage compound is increased in the transgenic plant as compared to the wild type variety of the plant.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Cancelled)